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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-16 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-16 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, and 18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alanara Seppo (GB 2284965) in view of Murray Allan Martin (WO 02/23935 A2).

Regarding claim 1, Alanara Seppo teaches in a mobile telephone system (abstract), a method for call treatment comprising:

(a) upon receiving a call placed by a caller for a user (fig.1,abstract), determining a geographic location for the user's telephone in the system (abstract, page 3, lines 27-31);

(b) determining the time-of-day (TOD) at the telephone's location (abstract, page 3, lines 5-16); and

(c) informing the caller of the TOD (abstract, page 3, lines 5-16),

Alanara Seppo fails to specifically disclose (d) providing the caller an option of going directly to voice mail without sending a ring event, or sending a ring event for the call based on the TOD determined in step (b). However, Murray teaches (d) providing the caller an option of going directly to voice mail without sending a ring event, or sending a ring event for the call based on the TOD determined in step (b) (fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Murray to Alanara Seppo to provide a method for setting up a call in a communication system.

Regarding claim 3, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the method of claim 1 wherein the caller is enabled by selection to control the ring event (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 4, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the method of claim 3 wherein the ring events selected include at least one of a light flash, a buzz or a ring (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 5, Alanara Seppo teaches in a mobile telephone system (abstract, page 3, lines 5-16), a method for call treatment comprising:

(a) determining a geographic location for a subscriber (abstract, page 3, lines 27-31);

(b) determining the TOD at the subscriber's location (abstract, page 3, lines 5-16); and

Alanara Seppo fails to specifically disclose (c) checking for and applying treatment options set by the subscriber if the TOD in step (b) falls within a preset range. However, Murray teaches (c) checking for and applying treatment options set by the subscriber if the TOD in step (b) falls within a preset range (roaming) (fig.1, page 4, lines 7-31). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Murray to Alanara Seppo to provide a method for setting up a call in a communication system.

Regarding claim 6, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the method of claim 5, further comprising setting treatment options by input from the subscriber (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 7, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the method of claim 6 wherein the treatment options include a password provided by the subscriber (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 8, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the method of claim 7 wherein the treatment options include an emergency procedure wherein the caller is prompted for the password to place a call within an otherwise restricted time of day (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 9, Alanara Seppo teaches a call roaming system comprising a facility for determining the time of day (TOD) in the called party's location (abstract, page 3, lines 5-16), and informing the caller of the destination TOD (abstract, page 3, lines 27-31);

Alanara Seppo fails to specifically disclose determining a geographic location of a called party for a call placed by a caller; wherein the system determines a TOD within a preset range, the system further provides the caller an option of going directly to voice mail without sending a ring event, or sending a ring event for the call. However, Murray teaches determining a geographic location of a called party for a call placed by a caller (abstract); wherein the system determines a TOD within a preset range (fig.1, page 4, lines 7-31), the system further provides the caller an option of going directly to voice mail without sending a ring event, or sending a ring event for the call (fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Murray to Alanara Seppo to provide a method for setting up a call in a communication system.

Regarding claim 11, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the system of claim 10 wherein the system enables the caller to control the ring event by selection (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 12, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the system of claim 11 wherein the ring events selected include at least one of a light flash, a buzz or a ring (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 13, Alanara Seppo teaches a call treatment system comprising a facility for determining a geographic location of a called party for a call placed by a caller (abstract, page 3, lines 27-31), determining the time of day (TOD) in the called party's location (abstract, page 3, lines 5-16), and

Alanara Seppo fails to specifically disclose checking for and applying treatment options set by the called party if the TOD determined falls within a preset range. However, Murray teaches checking for and applying treatment options set by the called party if the TOD determined falls within a preset range (roaming) (fig.1, page 4, lines 7-29). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Murray to Alanara Seppo to provide a method for setting up a call in a communication system.

Regarding claim 14, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the system of claim 13, further comprising setting treatment options by input from the subscriber (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 15, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the system of claim 14 wherein the treatment options include a password provided by the called party (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 16, Alanara Seppo and Murray further teach the system of claim 15 wherein the treatment options include an emergency procedure wherein the caller is prompted for the password to place a call within an otherwise restricted time of day (see Murray, fig.1, page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 27).

Regarding claim 18, Alanara Seppo teaches a machine-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions that cause a machine to perform a method comprising:

(a) determining a geographic location of a subscriber to the system for a call placed by a caller (abstract, page 3, lines 27-31);

(b) determining the TOD at the subscriber's location (abstract, page 3, lines 5-16); and

Alanara Seppo fails to specifically disclose (c) checking for and applying treatment options set by the subscriber if the TOD in step (b) falls within a preset range. However, Murray teaches (c) checking for and applying treatment options set by the subscriber if the TOD in step (b) falls within a preset range (roaming) (fig.1, page 4, lines 7-29). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Murray to Alanara Seppo to provide a method for setting up a call in a communication system.

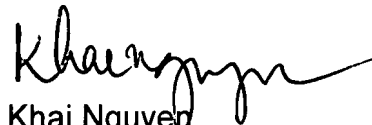
Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khai M. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571.272.7923. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

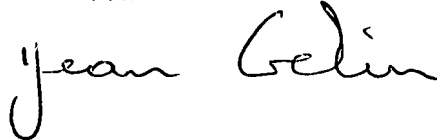
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph feild can be reached on 571.272.4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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